**Please amend the claims as follows:**

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Previously Presented) Furniture according to Claim 21, characterized in that the seating surface (2) has a circumferential contour (30, 31, 32) that is both concave and convex.

3. (Previously Presented) Furniture according to Claim 21, characterized in that the support rest includes at least one back rest that can be selectively positioned along the circumference of the seating surface.

4. (Previously Presented) Furniture according to Claim 21, characterized in that there are two support rests comprising two separately positional back rests (3, 4).

5. (Previously Presented) Furniture according to Claim 21, characterized in that the support rest comprises at least one back rest (3, 4) that is formed from separate rigid parts (20) which are connected together in an articulated fashion by hinges (15) in the adjustment direction and each forms an element (10) covered with upholstery, whereby the at least one back rest (3, 4) is formed by at least five elements (10).

6. (Previously Presented) Furniture according to Claim 21, characterized in that the support rest includes at least one back rest (3, 4) that partially covers the seating surface (2).

7. (Previously Presented) Furniture according to Claim 21, characterized in that the seating surface includes a circumferential surface (5) and the support rest includes at least one back rest (3, 4) that covers the circumferential surface (5) of the seating surface.

8. (Previously Presented) Furniture according to Claim 21, characterized in that the control means (12, 16, 18) are arranged generally below the seating surface.

9. (Currently Amended) Furniture according to Claim 21, characterized in that the control means also support the support rest (3, 4) and support it against ~~the~~ forces that occur when a user sitting on the seating surface (2) leans against it.

10. (Currently Amended) Furniture according to Claim 21, characterized in that the control means include a rail (12) which determines ~~the~~ a desired shape of bending of the ~~back~~ support rest (3, 4).